IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 5407

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2008, please reconsider the above-captioned application for allowance in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.